The National Horticulture Mission is implemented to provide holistic growth of agriculture sector covering fruits, vegetables, roots and tuber crops mushrooms, spices, flowers, aromatic plants and plantation crops by adopting area based differentiated strategies which includes research, technology promotion, extension, post harvest management, processing and marketing, in consonance with comparative advantage of the State/region and its diverse agro-climatic feature. Under the scheme guidelines, at the district level, Panchayat members and the District Planning Committee will be involved in implementing the programme depending on their expertise and available infrastructure.

(b) and (c) There is no proposal to merge all the above schemes into one to be entrusted to the Panchayati Raj at present. Each scheme is designed to serve its specific objective, but it is expected that the centrality of the Panchayats in each of such schemes is progressively ensured.

(d) Assigning the functions with regard to planning, implementation and monitoring of Centrally Sponsored Schemes to Panchayats is a continuous process. It has been the endeavor of the Government to assign centrality to Panchayats in the planning, implementation and monitoring of developmental programmes/schemes. Activity Mapping Matrices delineating functions to be assigned to each tier of Panchayats have been drawn for each of the above mentioned schemes by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj. Respective line Ministries have been requested to issue necessary guidelines to the States to follow these activity mappings in the implementation of the programmes/schemes.

Filling of tribal quota backlogs

716. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:
SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been recommended to Government to fill tribal quota backlogs through campus placement drives, employment fairs in tribal areas, etc. apart from special recruitment drives by Government agencies;

(b) if so, whether campus placement drives, employment fairs, etc. are being organized for this purpose; and

(c) whether Government would also ensure that standards of recruitment are not diluted or procedures compromised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) No. Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Commercialisation and corruption in country

†717. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA:
SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that commercialisation and corruption has increased comparatively in the country in the past two years;

(b) if so, whether all methods of checking corruption are not working properly;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) if so, whether Government intends to evolve any effective system; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) to (d) No study has been conducted regarding impact of increased commercial activities on the pattern of corruption in the country. Several steps have, however, been initiated to remove corruption and to improve functioning of Government important among these steps are:-

(a) Enactment of Central Vigilance Commission Act, 2003;

(b) Introduction of Whistle Blowers Resolution, 2004;

(c) Enactment of Right to Information Act, 2005;

(d) The pro-active involvement of Ministry/Department through Annual Action Plan on Vigilance;

(e) Issue of comprehensive instructions on transparency in tendering and contracting process by the CVC; and

(f) Issue of instructions by the CVC asking the organization to adopt integrity pact in major Government procurement activities.

Responsibilities of intelligence agencies

718. SHRI MOINUL HASSAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the responsibilities entrusted on RAW, CBI, Financial Intelligence and IB and their aims and objects, each separately;

(b) the reasons for the CBI being misused to probe murder and even stealing cases when it is primarily entrusted to detect corruption; and

(c) whether the failure of CBI in most of the cases indicate that the CBI is unfit to do the jobs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) CBI apart from being an anti-corruption investigation agency is also a multi-faceted, multi-disciplinary central police law enforcement agency. In addition to investigating offences notified by the Central Government under Section 3 of the Delhi Special Police Establishment Act, 1946, the CBI also takes up cases having inter-State and/or international ramifications or on request by the State Governments or directions of the Constitutional Courts and has the legal mandate to investigate and prosecute such offences.

Financial Intelligence Unit was set up to coordinate and strengthen collection and sharing of financial intelligence to combat money laundering and related crimes. It has been mandated to coordinate and support such efforts of national and international intelligence investigation and enforcement agencies in pursuing global efforts against crimes. Its main functions are intelligence and relationship management, policy review and development.

Information relating to RAW and IB can not be divulged as it is not in public interest to give more details.